

NSC BRIEFING

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PRAVDA ON ATOMIC POOL PROPOSAL

- I. Pravda article (29 May) on Eisenhower atomic pool proposal:
 - A. First public rejection of the President's proposal
 - B. Close parallel of Soviet Aide-Memoire (27 April).
- II. Pravda article (and aide-memoire) argues that plan:
 - A. Provides for only small quantity atomic material under international control
 - B. A "new step on path of further intensifying atomic weapon race"
 - C. Repeats and stresses consistent Soviet line that outlawing atomic weapons must be first step to agreement on atomic energy.
- III. Pravda displays sensitivity to Eisenhower plan to go ahead on pool idea "without waiting for anyone."
 - A. Accuses US of preparing "international atomic energy cartel"
 - B. Alleges US "ruling circles" would like control atomic

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C. At same time, tone of article suggests Soviet fear that rejection will be propaganda loss.

1. Kremlin propaganda exploits universal fear atomic warfare

2. Public rejection weaken facade of Soviet reasonableness

IV. Pravda article probably timed coincide with end WPC^A

Liberal Peace Council

meeting Berlin, where a final resolution called for:

A. Agreement among great powers end "experiments dangerous to humanity"

B. Prohibition use atomic weapons

V. WPC resolution, plus recent Orbit attention to the threat of atomic warfare, as well as utilization of non-Communist support this field, indicates development of intensive "peace front" campaign for ban on all weapons mass destruction

A. Campaign appears effort regain "peace initiative"

B. At same time, serves to obscure Kremlin's rejection of